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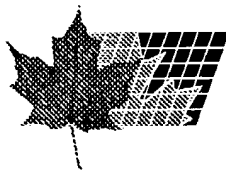
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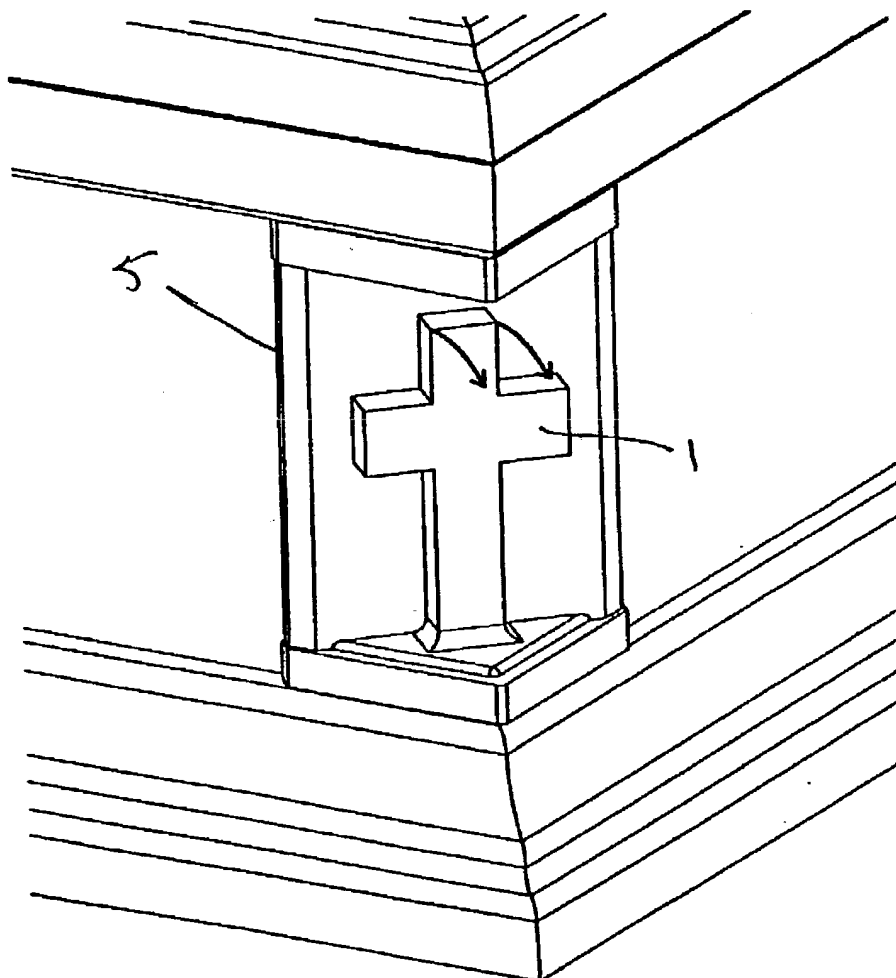
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(54) **GARNITURE DE COIN AMOVIBLE POUR UN CERCUEIL ET  
TROUSSE D'INSTALLATION**

(54) **REMOVABLE CORNER ORNAMENTS FOR A COFFIN AND  
KIT THEREFOR**



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**REMOVABLE CORNER ORNAMENTS FOR A COFFIN AND KIT  
THEREFOR**

5           **FIELD OF THE INVENTION**

The present invention relates to removable coffin ornaments and to a kit incorporating the same.

10           **DESCRIPTION OF THE PRIOR ART**

It is known in the art to provide a coffin with angled corners in order to place corner ornaments there. Families of the deceased can then choose between a number of different ornaments with which to adorn the coffin, according to their own taste or to the deceased's wishes.

15           These corner ornaments have a design on the front face thereof, and are provided with an extending pin at the rear thereof. The pin is inserted into a hole provided on the angled corner for that purpose. The ornament is held in place with fastening means, such as a butterfly nut, from the inside of the coffin. This is a major inconvenience, since  
20           should the family wish to keep the corner ornaments, these can only be removed from the inside of the coffin. It is most undesirable, when the coffin is at the cemetery, to have a person reach into the coffin (while the body lies therein) and manually unscrew the butterfly nuts in order to remove the ornaments. Furthermore, even if there was a delicate way of removing the ornaments, the existence of the protruding pin makes it  
25           difficult for the family to expose the ornaments in their home, or elsewhere.

In order to obviate this problem, one solution is to provide the ornaments with a pair of male fasteners, having an enlarged head, which matingly cooperate with a corresponding female opening in order to removably fasten the ornament to the corner. However, the use of such an arrangement does not provide for adequate retention, since  
30           the ornaments can fall off, and can cause misalignment problems because the tolerance required to properly align the ornaments is high.

Furthermore, there is a need for permitting the family to choose and arrange the

ornaments as they choose, and for permitting the family to retain the ornaments and expose them properly.

### **SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

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It is an object of the present invention to provide removable corner ornaments for a coffin which can be easily placed on the coffin and easily removed, and which can subsequently be properly exposed by the family of the deceased.

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In accordance with the invention, this object is achieved with a removable corner ornament for a coffin, the coffin having a base, a top where at least a portion of the top is pivotable upwardly, four perpendicular sides and four corners, each of the corners presenting a flat surface at an angle with respect to adjacent sides, each of the flat surfaces being provided with a elongated, vertical slot approximately at the center of the flat surface and extending from the bottom of the flat surface towards the top thereof, where the removable corner ornament has a front surface and a back surface, the back surface being provided with removable means to engage the slot, so that the corner ornament can be snapped into the vertical slot and easily removed therefrom.

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It is also an object of the invention to provide a kit for placing removable corner ornaments on a coffin, comprising a plurality of corner ornaments having a design on the front surface thereof, each of the corner ornaments being provided with removable means to engage a slot on a flat surface of a corner of a coffin, and a display shelf for receiving the ornaments in order to display them.

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It should be understood that more than one type of ornament may be placed on a coffin, and the kit provides for this selection.

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### **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

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The present invention and its advantages will be more easily understood after reading the following non-restrictive description of preferred embodiments thereof, made with reference to the following drawings in which:

Figure 1 is an exploded view of a removable corner ornament according to a preferred embodiment of the invention;

Figure 2 is a rear view thereof;

Figure 3 is a cross-sectional view thereof;

Figure 4 is a schematic representation of the manner of removing a corner ornament from a coffin;

5 Figure 5 is a perspective view of a display shelf and a removed ornament;

Figure 6 is a perspective view of the display shelf of Fig. 5, with the ornament placed thereon;

Figures 7a to 7g are schematic representations of various ornaments which can be used according to the present invention; and

10 Figure 8 is a schematic representation of a panel placed on a coffin.

### **DESCRIPTION OF A PREFERRED EMBODIMENT OF THE INVENTION**

15 Figure 1 shows the basic structure of a removable corner ornament 1 according to the present invention. The ornament 1 is provided with means 20 for removably fastening the ornament 1 to a corner 5 of a coffin 10. Preferably, the means 20 comprise a piece of extruded PVC having two outwardly projecting longitudinal flanges, defining an opening therebetween. The piece of PVC is permanently fastened to the back of the  
20 ornament 1, such as by gluing or stapling. The corner 5 of the coffin is provided with a longitudinal groove 23 having a width slightly smaller than the width defined by the outwardly projecting flanges 21.

Referring now to Fig. 3, the groove 23 can be preferably inwardly bevelled, as shown. The ornament, and consequently the extruded PVC, is snapped into the groove  
25 23. Since the groove is smaller than the width defined by the flanges 21, it serves to maintain its position the ornament to the corner 5. If the ornament is removed, one only has to pull on the ornament to release the flanges from the groove. It should be noted that sufficient force is required, so that the ornament will not accidentally fall off the corner.

30 It is preferable for the piece of extruded PVC to be placed near the bottom of the ornament, in order to properly align the ornament on the corner of the coffin.

Accordingly, a coffin provided with the appropriate corners, such as shown on

Fig. 4, can accept a variety of ornaments which can be placed on the coffin during the ceremonies, and removed therefrom to provide the family or friends of the deceased with an appropriate memento. Fig. 7 shows different types of ornaments which can be placed on a corner according to the invention.

5           It should be noted that the ornament can be directly provided with, for example, a recess 40 to receive the extruded PVC piece 20, as shown on Fig. 2. Alternatively, the ornament 1 can be in two parts, one being a back plate 110 provided with the extruded PVC 20, having at the front thereof a design which is glued or otherwise fastened thereto. Figs. 7(a), 7(d) and 7(e) are such examples.

10           Fig. 4 is a schematic representation of the manner to place and remove the ornament on a coffin according to the invention.

When the ornaments 1 are removed from the coffin, they can be placed on a display shelf 120, which is provided with a longitudinal groove 23 for receiving the flange 21 of the corner ornament 1, as better shown on Figs. 5 and 6.

15           It should be also noted that the four ornaments need not all be identical, and that a selection of more than one ornament can be placed on the corners 5.

Furthermore, open coffins 50 can also be provided with a panel 60 which is placed on the crown and which can bear the same design as the ornament 1, or could bear a different design, as shown on Fig. 8.

20           Thus, the present invention provides for removable corner ornaments for coffins which can be easily placed on the corners of the coffin, and which can be discreetly and easily removed therefrom in order to remit them to the family or friends of the deceased as a memento. These removable corner ornaments can be placed on a display shelf and can be accompanied with a panel in order to build a proper shrine to the deceased.

25           Although the present invention has been explained hereinabove by way of a preferred embodiment thereof, it should be pointed out that any modifications to this preferred embodiment within the scope of the present description is not deemed to alter or change the nature and scope of the present invention.

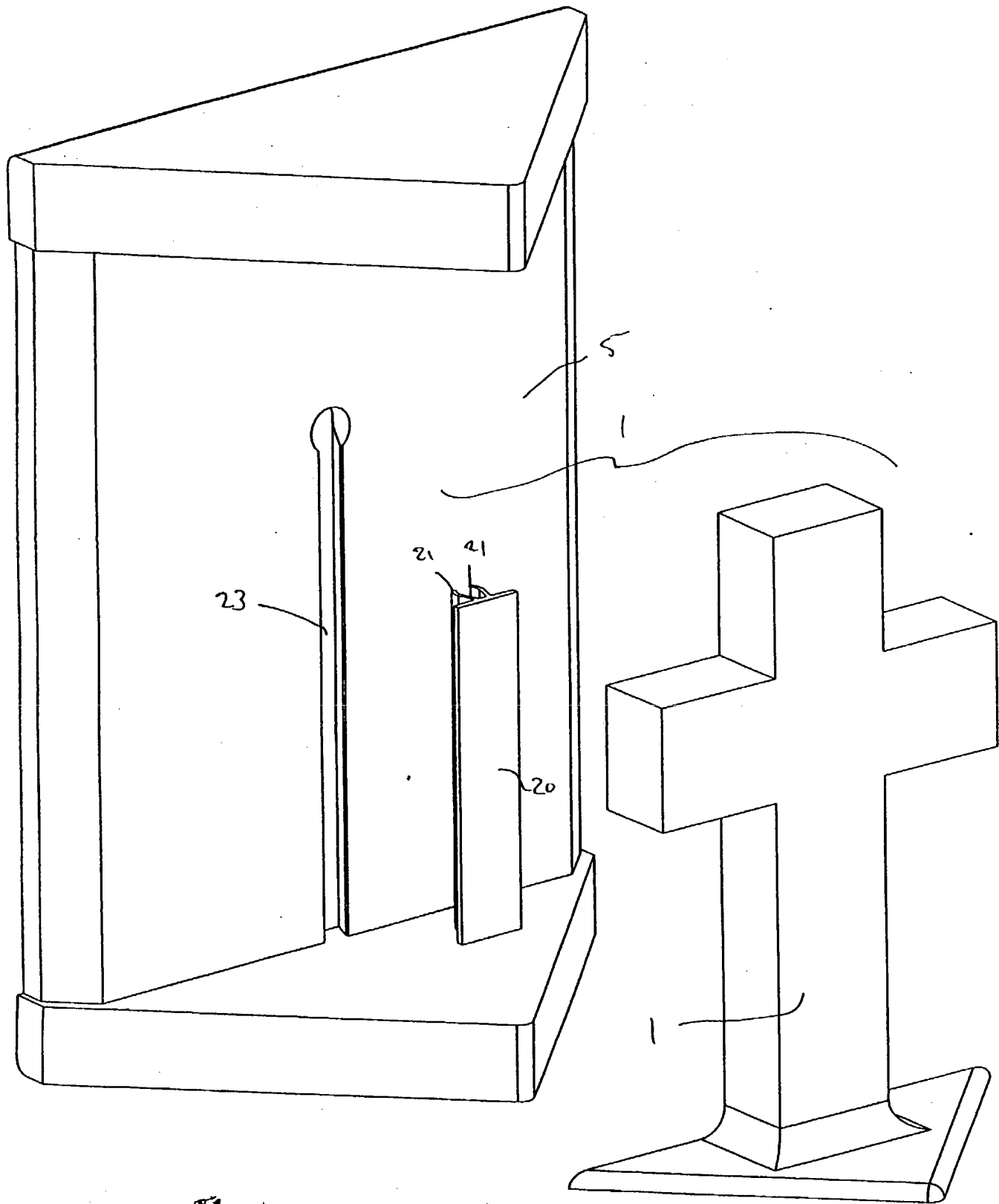


Fig. 1 Plan view of

